

*Im.* absolutely convinced that it is the Lord's will that I should go to this country and work and get the Boards all turned me down. What shall I do? The answer was, well, if you're convinced it's the Lord's will and the Boards won't take you, bore a hole through the boards. Well, I think that that is something to be taken with caution because the reason the boards turned him down might be because he had no evidence of any gifts that would fit him to be useful in that particular situation. But I do not feel that we should let circumstances decide for us what we are to do. If we know what God's will is, let's bore a hole through the boards. Go ahead and accomplish what you are convinced is the Lord's will for you to do. We have some verses that apply to this quite definitely. Matthew 14:24. There we have a situation where Jesus wanted to cross the sea. And he was with his disciples in the boat--no, this was when he was behind, and his disciples were in the boat, crossing the sea, Jesus told them to go before him to the other side. But we read in verse 24, but the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves, for the wind was contrary. Jesus said, go to the other side of the sea, but the winds were contrary. Shall you follow the words of Jesus, or shall you follow the circumstances, and say no, the winds are contrary, I shouldn't go there, the door has been closed. On the other hand, sometimes the door is opened and it is not God who opened it. In Jonah 1:3 we read how Jonah was given a message from God, go to Nineveh and preach and Jonah went down to Joppa and there he found a boat all ready for him, going to Tarshish, the opposite direction. Hundreds of miles in the opposite direction, a convenient ship all ready. There is a providence of the devil as well as a providence of God. If God wants you to go in a certain way, he may open doors to make it easy for you, or he may let the doors be slammed in your face to teach you to go forward and do His will regardless of circumstances. If the door is open and you're doing God's will, God is opening the way for you. If the doors close and you're sure that it's God will for you to go that way, break down the doors and go forward. ~~This is~~

This is Reformation Week. We remember Martin Luther this week because on All Saints' Day over four hundred years ago that the great Protestant Reformation was begun by that man of God. And there are many stories of Martin Luther, widely told and widely known. But there's one story about him that isn't so much told that to me is one of the most